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1. The People's Liberation Army is being reorganized into the National Defense Army (Kuo Fang Chun 國防軍). All armies will be retained and thoroughly reshuffled in the new organizations. Two hundred thousand troops will be processed in the current year (1950).
2. The National Defense Army will be partially equipped with Soviet arms, and cadres will be selected from all the Communist field armies. The first group of cadres are now being trained by the Soviets in the Nanking area.

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